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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S HUMAN RIGHTS SPEECH

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- 1. INDONESIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S APRIL 30 HUMAN RIGHTS SPEECH WAS MINIMIZED BY THE FACT THAT NO NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED MAY 1 AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS MAY 2 COMPLETELY DOMINATED EDITORIAL TOPICS FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.
- 2. ONLY COMMENT HAS BEEN MAY 5 OBSERVATIONS BY LEFTIST-NATIONALIST MERDEKA THAT "IT IS CLEAR THAT NATIONS WHICH VIOLATE THE SECRETARY'S CRITERIA OF WHAT CONSTITUTES HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT EXPECT ANY AID WHATEVER FROM THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS A SIGNAL THAT GOVERNMENTS WHICH COMMIT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAD BETTER BE READY WITH NEW PROGRAMS IN THE EXPECTATIONS THAT AID FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL BE STOPPED."
- 3. COMMENT: MERDEKA HAS BEEN DISCREETLY CRITICAL OF GOI HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES REGARDING DETENTION OF LEFTISTS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS GENERALLY VIEWED WITH APPROVAL USG EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HOWEVER, EDITOR B.M. DIAH HAS ALSO TAKEN THE POSITION THAT INDONESIA TAKES TOO MUCH AID FROM US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BALANCE THIS FROM SOCIALIST BLOC SOURCES.

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